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Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

c/o Renata B. Hesse
Antitrust Division
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, DC 20530-0001

RE: U.S. v Microsoft

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

I am writing in regards to the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. In the decision on *U.S. v. Microsoft* it appears that the settlement does not fully resolve Microsoft's monopoly of the market and will continue to lead to predatory practices.

Microsoft's "bolting" of applications to their software which was not terminated in the settlement has maintained an unfair advantage for Microsoft in the distribution of these applications. These types of practices don't create an environment of fair competition, which creates a problem not only for their competitors but also eventually for consumers.

It is clear that Microsoft hopes to expand its monopoly to web services, financial, cable and the like, perhaps even the Internet. If we let Microsoft continue this expansion ultimately consumers will have to pay inflated prices for these products that we will only become more dependant on. Antitrust laws were created to avoid business being conducted in such a manner.

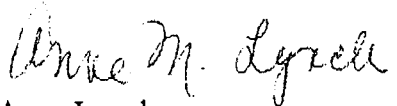
This deal also threatens to curtail innovation in an industry that is a vital part of our new economy. At a time when serious challenges face government and corporations they will be seriously handicapped in choosing the high value systems they need for privacy and security because compatibility with Windows does not exist.

The enforcement mechanisms in the settlement leave Microsoft free to do whatever it wants. The three person technical committee will only serve as a kangaroo court, which further threatens the integrity of enforceability. Analysts from many sectors of the technology industry have indicated the lack of impact the settlement will have and will result in minuet changes in Microsoft's practices.

Enforcing federal antitrust laws is vital to maintaining the integrity of free markets. It is important that we continue to enforce them to protect the welfare of consumers and the fundamentals that contribute to what makes our country's industries great.

I appreciate you taking your time to examine this important matter. If there is any additional information I can provide for you, please contact me

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne M. Lynch".

Anne Lynch
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CC: Honorable Tom Reilly, Attorney General
Commonwealth of Massachusetts